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## \$108 MILLION PLEDGED FOR VENTURE; FUNDS RELEASED

GREENWICH, Conn. -- The Episcopal Church Executive Council learned that pledges to national and diocesan Venture in Mission campaigns now total \$108 million. The Council also approved the release of about \$450,000 in designated funds for certain projects.

Robert F. Gaines of Sacramento, Calif., a member of the Venture process/funding committee, reported to the 44-member Council at its Nov. 12-14 meeting that \$38 million of the total pledges is for national Church projects and \$49 million for diocesan projects. An additional \$20 million is slated for parish work.

Forty-seven of the 95 U.S. dioceses have completed campaigns; seventeen having oversubscribed; sixteen dioceses are actively engaged; twenty are in the discussion stages. Only five dioceses have declined to enter into the program, he reported.

The Council voted to release funds which had been designated for specific projects and to approve the continued release of additional amounts earmarked for those projects that might come in later. Venture in Mission funds released by the Council are as follows:

- \$77,374 from the Diocese of West Texas, designated for education for Hispanic ministries, to the Episcopal Seminary of the Southwest in Austin, Tex.
- \$18,729.35 from the Diocese of Florida, designated for a family enrichment project of the Episcopal Church Home in the Diocese of South Carolina.
- \$35,000 from New York's Trinity Parish, designated for the South Mt. Vernon Team Ministry in the Diocese of New York.
- \$27,872 from the Diocese of Newark for the Newark Episcopal Cooperative for Ministry and Mission.
- \$15,000 from the Diocese of San Joaquin for the expansion of the Council's General Loan Fund.



- \$10,000 from various sources for the Age in Action Program of the Episcopal Society for the Aging.
  - \$18,482.36 from the Diocese of Virginia for the Diocese of Southern Philippines Development Fund.
  - \$20,033.33 from the Diocese of Virginia to provide lectures through the Bishop Williams Memorial Fund of the Nippon Sei Ko Kai (Japan).
  - \$3,136.16 from the Diocese of South Carolina for the translation of the New Testament into Choroti in Argentina.
  - \$95,570.75 for the Cuttinton University College Development Fund, to be held in a contingency account until a decision is made by the Bishop of Liberia, the executive for World Mission in Church and Society, and the treasurer of the Council to release the money for development work at the institution.
  - \$5,520.75 from the Diocese of Lexington for the El Salvador self-support fund, to be released as conditions in that country permit.
  - \$20,000 from the Diocese of Southwest Florida for emergency relief and re-settlement in Somalia, East Africa.
  - \$100,000 from the Diocese of Southwest Florida for the reserve fund of the Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief, designated for hunger relief projects of overseas dioceses, including Tanzania, Haiti, Ecuador and the Philippines.
- The Council decided as a general policy that when funds are received from a diocese for a national project which is also a designated project within that diocese, the funds may be released immediately at the discretion of the appropriate executive and the treasurer at the Episcopal Church Center.
- In each case these Venture in Mission funds were released to the designated projects with the provision that the established accountability procedures for grants will apply, including the submission of annual audited financial statements.

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dangerous situations, especially if the individual is unprepared or untrained.  
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and to understand how they can best be controlled. This requires a thorough  
knowledge of the nature of the hazard and its potential consequences. It  
also requires an understanding of the principles of safety management and  
the ability to apply them effectively. This involves the ability to identify  
the risks associated with each hazard and to develop appropriate  
control measures to reduce those risks. It also requires the ability to  
communicate effectively with all levels of management and employees  
to ensure that everyone is aware of the potential hazards and the  
measures being taken to control them. This includes the ability to  
communicate the importance of safety to all levels of management and  
employees, and to encourage them to take personal responsibility for  
their own safety and the safety of others. It also requires the ability to  
monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of safety measures and to make  
adjustments as necessary to ensure continued improvement. Finally, it  
requires the ability to communicate the results of safety efforts to all  
levels of management and employees, and to use this information to  
improve future safety performance.